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Listed on the attached forms 1449 and PTO/SB/08A are a number of documents which the PTO may consider material to the examination of this application. A copy of each of these documents is not required to be provided herewith per M.P.E.P. §609 since this application was filed after June 30, 2003 and/or since each of the foreign

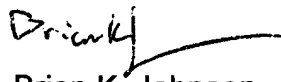
references cited in the present application, namely DE 4118695; JP 04273286 and JP 06159739, have been properly submitted and considered in the parent patent application, U.S. Pat. Appln. No. 09/978,217, now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,497. As such, under 37 CFR 1.98(c)(2) the Applicant is not required to provide duplicate copies of the references in this application since the references were provided in the parent application. Applicant respectfully re-requests that these documents be considered by the Examiner, made of record in the present application, and an initialed copy of the forms be returned in accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

The references cited on attached form 1449 were cited by the applicant in the parent case, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/978217 now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,497. Further, the Examiner has indicated that the information disclosure statement filed April 20, 2005 failed to comply with the 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed has been placed in the application file. The applicant respectfully points out that each of the foreign references cited in the present application and to which the Examiner's objections pertain, namely DE 4118695; JP 04273286 and JP 06159739, have been properly submitted and considered in the parent patent application, U.S. Pat. Appln. No. 09/978,217, now U.S. Patent No. 6,648,497. As such, under 37 CFR 1.98(c)(2) the Applicant is not required to provide duplicate copies of the references in this application. Notwithstanding, the Applicant is re-presenting these references, and copies thereof, for consideration by the Examiner in a paper submission following the filing of the Response filed December 26, 2005.

Since these references were originally presented in the parent application and reintroduced in the IDS filed April 20, 2005, no fees are believed to be due and owing for filing this statement. Notwithstanding this, any and all necessary fees due, or reimbursements of excessive fees paid, may be charged to deposit account, 50-1886.

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